Editorial

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Recent Changes and Future Plans

In my editorial that appeared in the November/December 1985 issue of *Optical Engineering*, I indicated that a number of changes were in store for the journal in 1986. Most of those changes have now been implemented, the most significant of which is the increase of the publication frequency from bi-monthly to monthly. I believe that SPIE took a major step forward when the Society's Board of Governors authorized this change.

The remainder of the changes were of lesser significance, and some were simply cosmetic in nature. Among these were an increase in type size, elimination of the boxes that outlined most of the figures in past issues, inclusion of authors' SPIE membership status on the title page, and the inclusion of paper and book chapter titles in the references. One change that will probably not be fully implemented until the June 1986 issue is the inclusion of brief biographical sketches and photographs of authors at the end of each paper. Such sketches and photos were first included for the special topic papers of the March 1986 issue, and, in my opinion, they add something special to the journal.

The current issue has no special topic and is the first issue of this kind to be published for a long, long time. It consists solely of contributed papers. I plan to have two such issues each year (probably June and December in future years), and the remaining 10 will include special issues. Once the ripples caused by all of these changes have been smoothed out, I anticipate that each issue will contain an average of about 20 papers; in the special issues, about 10 to 12 papers will be related to the special topic and the remainder will be contributed papers.

Most of the changes discussed here were originally suggested by readers such as yourselves, and I would like to invite you to write to me with your comments about them or to suggest other changes and actions that you feel might be beneficial to the journal or the Society.

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